

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Ballot Formatting

If you used a WEI Export to create your ballots, check the order of candidates and ballot choices against the certified lists. Last week the export listed choices for the two advisory votes and Supreme Court Justice Pos. 4 in the wrong order. The WEI has been corrected.

Reminder: We Need Quantities of UOCAVA Ballots Issued

Prior to the Primary and General Election, the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) reports the number of [UOCAVA](#) ballots mailed to the Federal Government. OSOS needs to verify that all counties met the 45-day mailing deadline.

On the day you send your UOCAVA ballots, send an email to [Lori Augino](#) listing the:

- Date of mailing.
- Number of UOCAVA voters registered at the time of mailing.
- Number of total ballots issued to UOCAVA voters. (The number of UOCAVA voters should be the same as the number of ballots issued.)

If you are planning to send on Saturday (9/20), please email Lori in advance to let her know. We'll be available and tracking on Saturday, if needed.

If you cannot meet the **September 20th deadline**, call Lori Augino immediately at (360) 725-5771. Thank you for responding promptly with UOCAVA information during the Primary!

Attention Hart Counties | Registered Voters by Precinct

Hart counties, if you haven't already, please send your registered voter totals by precinct for the Primary to [WEIsupport](#). Please check to make sure the precinct numbers add up to the certified total shown at <http://vote.wa.gov/results/current/Turnout.html>, or let us know why they don't.

National Voter Registration Day

[National Voter Registration Day](#) is September 23rd – just a couple of weeks away. There are many resources available online to help celebrate this important day including free [web kits](#), [graphics](#), and [social media tools](#). You can also find a link to these resources on the Elections' [Civics Education webpage](#). OSOS is planning a social media splash to urge potential voters to register online. If you've got ideas or plans for National Voter Registration Day we'd love for you to [tell us](#) about them!

VPC Mailing

The [Voter Participation Center's \(VPC\)](#) voter registration mailing should hit residences late this week or early next week. If you have any questions, please contact [Jen Carrier](#).

Action Item | 2014 Precinct Shapefiles

If you haven't already, please send a copy of your 2014 precinct [shapefile](#) to [WEIsupport](#). If there have been no changes to your precinct boundaries (including city annexations) since 2013, let us know that, too.

2014 Elections Conference Resources

Tammy Patrick's presentation about the report of the [Presidential Commission on Election Administration](#) is now available. For more Elections University videos and resources, please visit our [Training Materials and Videos](#) webpage.

State Candidate Name Pronunciations

If you are looking for [candidate name pronunciations](#) for the General Election, please use the pronunciations we provided for the Primary.

Phonetic key:

- Long vowel sounds are indicated by a letter with a "–" over the top such as Ā, Ē, Ī, Ō, or Ū.
- Short vowel sounds are indicated by a lower case letter with "˘" over the top of the letter: ä, ě, ĭ, ǒ, or ŭ.

US Postal Service Training

On September 10th, the [Puget Sound Postal Customer Council \(PCC\)](#) is hosting a one-day conference at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Check out the [PCC event flyer](#) for more information.

COOP | Connect with Local Experts

It's important to work with local experts. Last week, we sent you the link to a [COOP template](#). Now it's time to ensure your Elections COOP aligns with your county's comprehensive emergency plan. [Contact](#) your county Emergency Management Division for support.

Questions of the Day

A recent question regarding office headings:

- Q:** When is it correct to use the terms "Judge" and "Justice?"
- A:** Use "Justice" for Supreme Court positions. For all other courts, the correct term is "Judge."

Two questions were recently asked about ballot access. So, here is some helpful information: Immediately after tabulation, ballots are sealed into containers. Once sealed, [RCW 29A.60.110](#) specifically lists the reasons ballots may be accessed. After the retention period (federal elections—22 months; all others—60 days), ballots must be destroyed; they cannot be released or viewed. ([County Auditor Records Retention Schedule](#))

Welcome!

[Stuart Holmes](#) has joined the OSOS's Elections Division as the new supervisor of Elections Information Services. Many of you already know Stuart from his excellent work at Benton County; he's an incredible asset, and OSOS is thrilled to have him on board. Woot! Woot!

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